Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 48129 Mauriceville Special Utility District RN102286952

Docket No. 2014-0074-MWD-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Mauriceville Facility, located at 8100 Zavala Road, which is west of State Route 87 and 300 feet north of the Sabine River Authority Canal Crossing, Orange County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: June 13, 2014

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$27,187

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$5,437 Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0 Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

SEP Conditional Offset: \$21,750

Name of SEP: Armand Bayou Nature Center, Inc.

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: December 5, 2013

Date(s) of NOE(s): January 2, 2014

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Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits for *E. coli* and ammonia nitrogen [Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0013839001, Interim Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

- 1. The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). (See SEP Attachment A)
- 2. The Order will also require the Respondent to, within 90 days, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limits of TPDES Permit No. WQ0013839001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self- reported Discharge Monitoring Reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A SOAH Referral Date: N/A Hearing Date(s): N/A Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEO Enforcement Coordinator: Had Darling, Enforcement Division,

Enforcement Team 1, MC 169, (512) 239-2520; Candy Garrett, Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-1456

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: Stuart Beckley, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-3565

Respondent: Patrick Rainey, Vice President, Mauriceville Special Utility District, P.O.

Box 1000, Mauriceville, Texas 77626-1000

Jeff Holland, General Manager, Mauriceville Special Utility District, P.O. Box 1000.

Mauriceville, Texas 77626-1000 **Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

Attachment A

Docket Number: 2014-0074-MWD-E SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Mauriceville Special Utility District
Penalty Amount:	Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$21,750)
SEP Offset Amount:	Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$21,750)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Armand Bayou Nature Center, Inc.
Project Name:	Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetland Restoration Project
Location of SEP:	Harris County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Armand Bayou Nature Center. Inc.** for the Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetland Restoration *Project.* The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the "Project"). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to manage the Armand Bayou Nature Center ("ABNC"), which comprises of 2,500 acres located in southeast Harris County. ABNC contains three unique and vanishing ecosystems: coastal tallgrass prairie, forested wetland, and the tidal marsh stream of Armand Bayou. Prescribed burning is one stewardship tool used to maintain a tallgrass prairie ecosystem. If the prairie is not maintained, it can be destroyed by invasive species, which primarily include the Chinese tallow tree and other woody plants. In addition, prescribed mowing shall be conducted on a rotational basis as needed for maintenance of native species and removal of non-native species. The Third Party Administrator shall propagate terrestrial and aquatic native plants and install them to restore the Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetlands. The SEP Offset Amount will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs associated with conducting prescribed burns, mowing, removing non-native trees, and for planting native trees and

plants. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

The ecological services provided by the restoration and management of the Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetlands ecosystems working in concert will help minimize pollution, reduce the amount of pollutants reaching the environment, and enhance water quality and wildlife habitat.

Coastal prairie grasslands are considered fire-dependent plant communities and require frequent exposure to fire effects for full ecological function. Prescribed fire in prairies helps control invasive species, minimize accumulated grass thatch, promote enrichment of soil nutrients and improve prairie plant vigor. One additional benefit of controlled prescribed burns is the reduction of fuels and the prevention of wildfires. This is particularly critical in the urban environment to protect human life and property and to minimize the release of large amounts of particulate matter resulting from uncontrolled wild fire. This treatment ensures that these coastal prairie grasslands will perform at their highest ecological function and provide the maximum potential ecological service to benefit water quality.

Mowing and targeted application of specialized herbicides will also help manage prairie species and remove non-native species. Propagation and installation of native plants will restore the natural balance to these ecosystems, reduce erosion, and increase habitat for wildlife. Plant installation in the Forested Wetland and Tidal Marsh will improve water quality by restoring depleted oxygen levels, providing habitat and nourishment for aquatic organisms, and reclaiming the area for native plants.

Proper management and restoration of these ecosystems will maximize the ecological services that they provide to Armand Bayou and Galveston Bay.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Armand Bayou Nature Center**, **Inc. SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

Armand Bayou Nature Center, Inc. Attention: Mark Kramer, Stewardship Coordinator P.O. Box 58828 Houston, Texas 77258

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enforcement Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for

the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;" and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Litigation Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

Policy Revision 3 (S	Penalty Calculation	Worksheet (PC	-	ion August 3, 2011
TCFO				
	13-Jan-2014 Screening 15-Jan-2014	EPA Due 5-Mar-2014]	
RESPONDENT/FACILI	TY INFORMATION			
	Mauriceville Special Utility District	······································		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.				
Facility/Site Region		Major/Minor Source	Minor	
CASE INFORMATION				
Enf./Case ID No.	48129	No. of Violations	2	
	2014-0074-MWD-E	Order Type	1660	:
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	Yes	
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Had Darling	
		EC's Team	Enforcement Tea	m 1
Admin. Penalty \$	Limit Minimum \$0 Maximum	\$25,000		
	Penalty Calculati	ion Section		
TOTAL BASE PENA	LTY (Sum of violation base penalt	ies)	Subtotal 1	\$18,750
	/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1			en ala
Subtotals 2-7 are of	otained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1)	by the indicated percentage.		
Compliance Hi			tals 2, 3, & 7	\$8,437
compliance in			1	
Notes	Enhancement for nine months of self-repo	orted effluent violations.		
Culpability	No 0.0 %	Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
Notes	The Respondent does not meet the	culpability criteria.		
Good Faith Eff	ort to Comply Total Adjustments		Subtotal 5	\$0
Economic Bene Approx.		nhancement* at the Total EB \$ Amount	Subtotal 6	\$0
SUM OF SUBTOTA	LS 1-7	er di kanjara	inal Subtotal	\$27,187
	AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE Subtotal by the indicated percentage.	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
Notes				
	·	Final Per	nalty Amount	\$27,187
STATUTORY LIMIT	ADJUSTMENT	Final Asse	ssed Penalty	\$27,187
DEFERRAL Reduces the Final Assessed Pe	nalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e	20.0% Reduction .g. 20 for 20% reduction.)	Adjustment	-\$5,437
Notes	Deferral offered for expedited	settlement.		

PAYABLE PENALTY

\$21,750

Screening Date 15-Jan-2014

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Policy Revision 3 (September 2011) PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Respondent Mauriceville Special Utility District

Case ID No. 48129

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102286952 Media [Statute] Water Quality Enf. Coordinator Had Darling

r	Component	Number of	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
	NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	9	45%
		Other written NOVs	0	0%
		Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
	Judgments	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
	and Consent Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
	Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Γ	Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
	Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Audits	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
L		Ple	ase Enter Yes or No	7
		Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
***************************************	Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	0 0 1 1 0 1	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
		Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%
		Adjustment Per	centage (Sul	ototal 2)
Repe	eat Violator (Subtotal 3)		
	. No	Adjustment Per	centage (Sul	ototal 3)
Com	pliance Histo	ry Person Classification (Subtotal 7)		ilai - a <u>a</u> -
	Satisfactory l	Performer Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	ototal 7)
Com	pliance Histo	ry Summary		
	Compliance History Notes	Enhancement for nine months of self-reported effluent violations.		riconnection and the second and the

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 45%

Screening Date	15-Jan-2014 Mauriceville Special Utility District	DOCKET NO. 2014-0074-MWD-E	Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)
Case ID No.			PCW Revision August 3, 2011
Reg. Ent. Reference No.			
Media [Statute]			
Enf. Coordinator	Had Darling		
Violation Number	T	20 T Ad Cod- 5 205 (25(1)) co	d Taylor
Rule Cite(s)		, 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ00138	
		ons and Monitoring Requirements No. 1	33001)
	Failed to comply with permitted	effluent limits, as documented during a	record
Violation Description		2013, and shown in the attached violati	
ı	<u>kananan mananan manana</u>		
		Base	Penalty \$25,000
>> Environmental, Proper	ty and Human Health Mat		
>> Environmental, Proper	Harm	Market Control of the	
Release	Major Moderate M	inor	
OR Actual	×		
Potential		Percent 15.0%	
>>Programmatic Matrix			
Falsification	Major Moderate M	inor	
		Percent 0.0%	
Matrix Human health	or the environment has been expo	sed to significant amounts of pollutants	which do
Notes not ex	ceed levels that are protective of h	uman health or environmental receptors	
<u> </u>			
		Adjustment	\$21,250
			\$3,750
			477.55
Violation Events			
Number of V	Violation Events 4	Number of violation d	ave
. Number of v	iolation Events 4	122 Number of violation d	ays
	daily		
	weekly		
mark only one	monthly x		
with an x	quarterly	Violation Base	Penalty \$15,000
	semiannual annual		
	single event		
Four monthly e	vents are recommended for the mo	onths of June 2013, July 2013, August 20	013; and
, i	Septemb		
Li			
Good Faith Efforts to Comp	oly 0.0% Redu	ction	\$0
	<u></u>	D EDPRP/Settlement Offer	
	Extraordinary		
	Ordinary		
	N/A x (mark	with x)	
	Notes The Respondent do	pes not meet the good faith criteria for	
		this violation.	
		Violation S	Subtotal \$15,000
Economic Benefit (EB) for	this violation	Statutory Limit	Test
Estimate	d EB Amount	\$975 Violation Final Penal	ty Total \$21,750
	This violation	Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for	r limits) \$21,750

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Mauriceville Special Utility District Case ID No. 48129 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102286952 Media Water Quality Percent Interest Depreciation Years of Violation No. 1 Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs **EB** Amount Item Description No commas or \$ **Delayed Costs** Equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 Buildings Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 Engineering/construction \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 n/a Land Record Keeping System 0.00 \$0 <u>\$0</u> n/a \$0 Training/Sampling 0.00 \$0 n/a Remediation/Disposal 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 **Permit Costs** 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 13-Oct-2014 1.95 \$975 Other (as needed) \$10,000 31-Oct-2012 \$975 n/a Estimated cost to determine the cause of noncompliance and to make any necessary repairs/adjustments to the Facility. Date required is the initial date of noncompliance. Final date is the expected date of Notes for DELAYED costs compliance. ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs) **Avoided Costs** 0.00 Disposal \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Personnel 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Inspection/Reporting/Sampling Supplies/equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 Financial Assurance [2] \$0 \$0 <u>\$0</u> \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] 0.00 Other (as needed) \$0 Notes for AVOIDED costs

TOTAL

\$10,000

Approx. Cost of Compliance

PCW

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No.	48129 RN102286952 Water Quality					Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
						5.0	15
	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Item Description		process of the second s					
Delayed Costs							
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0.	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Notes for DELAYED costs					is included with V		
Avoided Costs	ANNUAL	IZE [1] avoided	costs before			for one-time avoid	
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel		<u> </u>		0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	. \$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)]		0.00	\$0	\$0	<u>\$0</u>
Notes for AVOIDED costs							
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$0			TOTAL		\$0

Mauriceville Special Utility District TPDES Permit No. WQ0013839001 Docket No. 2014-0074-MWD-E

Effluent Violation Table						
	Permitted Effluent Limits					
Monitoring Period	Escherichia coli Daily Average Concentration Limit = 126 CFU/100 mL	Escherichia coli Single Grab Maximum Concentration Limit = 394 CFU/100 mL	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration Limit = 4 mg/L	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Maximum Concentration Limit = 7 mg/L		
October 2012	312.67	411	с	С		
November 2012	428.43	1414	С	с		
December 2012	577.2242	1203	С	с		
January 2013	231.4073	1046	c	с		
March 2013	234.6783	613	С.	c		
April 2013	171.5788	866	c	c		
May 2013	262.824	921	с	c		
June 2013	1459.468	1730	5.585	7.4		
July 2013	1200.058	2420	7.078	8.79		
August 2013	1674.442	2420	9.175	9.91		
September 2013	1125.396	1550	6.963	8.12		

CFU/100 mL = colony forming units per 100 milliliters mg/L = milligrams per literc = compliant

To request a more accessible version of this report, please contact the TCEQ Help Desk at (512) 239-4357.



Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN600634885, RN102286952, Rating Year 2013 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2013.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN600634885, Mauriceville District	e Special Utility	Classification: S	ATISFACTORY	Rating	4.14
Regulated Entity:	RN102286952, MAURICEVI	ILLE FACILITY	Classification: 9	ATISFACTORY	Rating: 4.14	
Complexity Points:	9		Repeat Violator:	NO		
CH Group:	08 - Sewage Treatment Fa	cilities				
Location:	8100 Zavala Road, which is in Orange County, Texas	s west of State Ro	ute 87 and 300 feet no	rth of the Sabine	River Authority	Canal Crossin
TCEQ Region:	REGION 10 - BEAUMONT					
ID Number(s): WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ001.	3839001	WAST	EWATER EPA ID TX01	14839		
Compliance History Period	: September 01, 2008 t	o August 31, 2013	Rating Year:	2013 R	ating Date:	09/01/2013
Date Compliance History F	Report Prepared:	January 15, 2014		-		
Agency Decision Requiring	Compliance History:	Enforcemen	t			
Component Period Selecte	d: January 15, 2009 t	o January 15, 201	4			
TCEQ Staff Member to Con	tact for Additional Inf	formation Rega	ording This Compli	ance History.	•	
Name: Herbert Darling			Phone: (512) 239-2520		
Site and Owner/Operat	or History:					
Has the site been in existence		Il fivo year compli	anco pariod?	· VI	ES	
 Has the site been in existence Has there been a (known) cha 						
3) If YES for #2, who is the curre 4) If YES for #2, who was/were to owner(s)/operator(s)?		N/A N/A				
5) If VFS when did the change	(s) in owner or operator	N/A				

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

occur?

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1	February 12, 2009	(755733)
Item 2	March 13, 2009	(772748)
Item 3	April 13, 2009	(772749)
Item 4	May 13, 2009	(772750)
Item 5	June 11, 2009	(818347)
Item 6	July 17, 2009	(818348)
Item 7	September 17, 2009	(818350)
Item 8	October 19, 2009	(818349)

Item 9	November 12, 2009	(818352)
Item 10	December 14, 2009	(818353)
Item 11	February 16, 2010	(818346)
Item 12	April 19, 2010	(835673)
Item 13	May 20, 2010	(835674)
Item 14	June 16, 2010	(847742)
Item 15	June 30, 2010	(862141)
Item 16	August 17, 2010	(868741)
Item 17	September 14, 2010	(875617)
Item 18	November 18, 2010	(889585)
Item 19	December 13, 2010	(897948)
Item 20	January 13, 2011	(903847)
Item 21	February 14, 2011	(910739)
Item 22	March 14, 2011	(917993)
Item 23	April 14, 2011	(930029)
Item 24	May 12, 2011	(939698)
Item 25	June 15, 2011	(947110)
Item 26	August 15, 2011	(960951)
Item 27	September 13, 2011	(967048)
Item 28	October 17, 2011	(973010)
Item 29	November 21, 2011	(979141)
Item 30	March 22, 2013	(1091085)

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated

entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred. 01/31/2013 (1082664)CN600634885 1 Date: YES Classification: Moderate Self Report? 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter CN600634885 2 Date: 03/31/2013 (1142418)Classification: Moderate Self Report? YES 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter Description: 04/30/2013 CN600634885 3 (1108433)Date: Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter CN600634885 Date: 05/31/2013 (1112019)Classification: Self Report? YES Moderate 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter Description: 06/30/2013 (1142419)CN600634885 5 Date: Self Report? Classification: Moderate 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

> 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter Description:

(1126716)

07/31/2013

Date: Self Report?

Citation:

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2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)

CN600634885 08/31/2013 (1131247)Date:

Classification: Moderate Self Report? YES

CN600634885

Classification:

Moderate

Citation:

2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description:

Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

8 Date: 09/30/2013

CN600634885 (1137006)

Self Report?

YES

2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)

Citation: Description:

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1) Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date:

10/31/2013

(1142420)

CN600634885

YES Self Report?

Classification:

Classification:

Moderate

Moderate

Citation:

2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)

30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description:

Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

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G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	8	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
MAURICEVILLE SPECIAL	§	
UTILITY DISTRICT	§	
RN102286952	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2014-0074-MWD-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On ________, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Mauriceville Special Utility District ("Respondent") under the authority of Tex. Water Code chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located at 8100 Zavala Road, which is west of State Route 87 and 300 feet north of the Sabine River Authority Canal Crossing in Orange County, Texas (the "Facility").
- 2. The Respondent has discharged municipal waste into or adjacent to any water in the state under Tex. Water Code ch. 26.
- 3. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about January 7, 2014.
- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$27,187) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the

violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$5,437) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty. Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$21,750) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

- 7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
- 9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, in violation of Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0013839001, Interim Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements No. 1, as documented during a record review conducted on December 5, 2013 and shown in the table below:

Effluent Violation Table						
	Permitted Effluent Limits					
Monitoring Period	Escherichia coli Daily Average Concentration Limit = 126 CFU/100 mL	Escherichia coli Single Grab Maximum Concentration Limit = 394 CFU/100 mL	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Average Concentration Limit = 4 mg/L	Ammonia Nitrogen Daily Maximum Concentration Limit = 7 mg/L		
October 2012	312.67	411	- c	c		
November 2012	428.43	1414	c	С		
December 2012	577.2242	1203	c	с		
January 2013	231.4073	1046	с	c		
March 2013	234.6783	613	c	c		
April 2013	171.5788	866	c	с		
May 2013	262.824	921	c	c		
June 2013	1459.468	1730	5.585	7.4		
July 2013	1200.058	2420	7.078	8.79		
August 2013	1674.442	2420	9.175	9.91		
September 2013	1125.396	1550	6.963	8.12		

 $CFU/100 \text{ mL} = \text{colony forming units per 100 milliliters} \\ mg/L = \text{milligrams per liter} \\ c = \text{compliant}$

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Mauriceville Special Utility District, Docket No. 2014-0074-MWD-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The Respondent shall implement and complete a SEP in accordance with Tex. Water Code § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$21,750) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference, is implemented by the Respondent. The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the administrative penalty assessed shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.
- 3. It is further ordered that, within 90 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent shall submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limits of TPDES Permit No. WQoo13839001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self-reported Discharge Monitoring Reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

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The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager Beaumont Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 3870 Eastex Freeway Beaumont, Texas 77703-1892

- 4. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 5. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 6. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 7. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 8. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature

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could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under Tex. Bus. Org. Code § 1.002.

9. Under 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier.

Mauriceville Special Utility District

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission
Pam Mover 7 For the Executive Director Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.
 I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in: A negative impact on compliance history; Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted; Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency; Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions; Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law. In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution. $\frac{4}{28/4}$
Signature Date Date Vice-President, NNU Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

Attachment A

Docket Number: 2014-0074-MWD-E SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	Mauriceville Special Utility District
Penalty Amount:	Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$21,750)
SEP Offset Amount:	Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$21,750)
Type of SEP:	Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP
Third-Party Administrator:	Armand Bayou Nature Center, Inc.
Project Name:	Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetland Restoration Project
Location of SEP:	Harris County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

a. Project

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Armand Bayou Nature** Center, Inc. for the Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetland Restoration Project. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the "Project"). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to manage the Armand Bayou Nature Center ("ABNC"), which comprises of 2,500 acres located in southeast Harris County. ABNC contains three unique and vanishing ecosystems: coastal tallgrass prairie, forested wetland, and the tidal marsh stream of Armand Bayou. Prescribed burning is one stewardship tool used to maintain a tallgrass prairie ecosystem. If the prairie is not maintained, it can be destroyed by invasive species, which primarily include the Chinese tallow tree and other woody plants. In addition, prescribed mowing shall be conducted on a rotational basis as needed for maintenance of native species and removal of non-native species. The Third Party Administrator shall propagate terrestrial and aquatic native plants and install them to restore the Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetlands. The SEP Offset Amount will be used to pay for the labor and materials costs associated with conducting prescribed burns, mowing, removing non-native trees, and for planting native trees and

plants. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not able to be spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

The ecological services provided by the restoration and management of the Coastal Prairie, Tidal Marsh, and Forested Wetlands ecosystems working in concert will help minimize pollution, reduce the amount of pollutants reaching the environment, and enhance water quality and wildlife habitat.

Coastal prairie grasslands are considered fire-dependent plant communities and require frequent exposure to fire effects for full ecological function. Prescribed fire in prairies helps control invasive species, minimize accumulated grass thatch, promote enrichment of soil nutrients and improve prairie plant vigor. One additional benefit of controlled prescribed burns is the reduction of fuels and the prevention of wildfires. This is particularly critical in the urban environment to protect human life and property and to minimize the release of large amounts of particulate matter resulting from uncontrolled wild fire. This treatment ensures that these coastal prairie grasslands will perform at their highest ecological function and provide the maximum potential ecological service to benefit water quality.

Mowing and targeted application of specialized herbicides will also help manage prairie species and remove non-native species. Propagation and installation of native plants will restore the natural balance to these ecosystems, reduce erosion, and increase habitat for wildlife. Plant installation in the Forested Wetland and Tidal Marsh will improve water quality by restoring depleted oxygen levels, providing habitat and nourishment for aquatic organisms, and reclaiming the area for native plants.

Proper management and restoration of these ecosystems will maximize the ecological services that they provide to Armand Bayou and Galveston Bay.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Armand Bayou Nature Center**, **Inc. SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

Armand Bayou Nature Center, Inc. Attention: Mark Kramer, Stewardship Coordinator P.O. Box 58828 Houston, Texas 77258

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enforcement Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for

the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;" and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Litigation Division Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.